

REMARKS

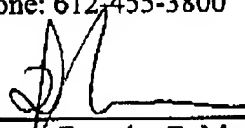
Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 2, 4-13, 24-26, 30, 31, 34, and 35 are pending. Claim 2 has been written in independent form. Claims 1, 3, 14-23, 27-29, 32, 33, 36, and 37 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby removing the non-elected subject matter from the pending claim set. Applicants are not conceding the propriety of requesting restriction within a single claim.

In view of the above, Applicants request reconsideration of the application in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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